

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Pending Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A reclosable bag comprising:

a receptacle comprising first and second walls joined at their sides, said first and second walls comprising respective upper marginal portions that form a mouth at a top of said receptacle and respective lower portions at a bottom of said receptacle;

a first string zipper comprising a first pair of mutually interlockable flangeless zipper parts having backs respectively joined to said upper marginal portions of said first and second walls;

a second string zipper comprising a second pair of mutually interlockable flangeless zipper parts having backs respectively joined to said lower portions of said first and second walls;

a slider mounted on said first string zipper for opening and closing said first string zipper, said slider comprising first and second side walls that are spaced apart to define a passageway therebetween for passage therethrough of said first string zipper, wherein a portion of said upper marginal portion of said first wall that is joined to said back of one flangeless zipper part of said first string zipper is disposed between said one flangeless zipper part and said first side wall of said slider, and a portion of said upper marginal portion of said second wall that is joined to said back of the other flangeless zipper part of said first string zipper is disposed between said other flangeless zipper part and said second side wall of said slider; and

a flap extending downward from said bottom of said receptacle.

Claim 2 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 1, wherein said flap is integrally formed with said first wall.

Claim 3 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 1, wherein said flap comprises first and second holes.

Claim 4 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 1, wherein said flap comprises first and second slits.

Claim 5 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 1, wherein said flap comprises a line of weakened tear resistance.

Claim 6 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 5, wherein said line of weakened tear resistance comprises a series of spaced perforations.

Claim 7 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 5, wherein said line of weakened tear resistance comprises a scoreline.

Claim 8 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 5, wherein said line of weakened tear resistance extends across substantially the entire length of said flap.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The bag as recited in claim 1, wherein said slider further comprises ~~first and second side walls spaced apart to define a passageway therebetween, and~~ a plow that partitions said passageway into first and second spaces respectively occupied by portions of said respective flangeless zipper parts of said first string zipper, said upper marginal portions of said first and second walls passing through said first and second spaces

respectively.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The bag as recited in claim 9, wherein said slider further comprises a first retaining ledge projecting from said first side wall into said passageway, and a second retaining ledge projecting from said second side wall into said passageway, said first retaining ledge being latched under a portion of said one ~~of said~~ zipper part ~~parts~~ of said first string zipper, and said second retaining ledge being latched under a portion of ~~the~~ said other zipper part of said first string zipper.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The bag as recited in claim 1, wherein said one ~~of said~~ zipper part ~~parts~~ of said first string zipper comprises first and second male profiles, and said ~~the~~ other zipper part of said first string zipper comprises first and second female profiles that respectively receive said male profiles when said first string zipper is closed.

Claim 12 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 11, wherein one of said zipper parts of said second string zipper comprises third and fourth male profiles, and the other zipper part of said second string zipper comprises third and fourth female profiles in which said third and fourth male profiles are respectively received.

Claims 13-26 (Canceled).

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A reclosable bag comprising:

a receptacle having a top and a bottom;

a first string zipper attached to said top of said receptacle for providing access to an interior volume of said receptacle, said first string zipper comprising first and

second flangeless zipper parts that are mutually interlockable and have respective backs joined to said top of said receptacle;

a second string zipper attached to said bottom of said receptacle, said second string zipper comprising third and fourth flangeless zipper parts that are mutually interlockable and have respective backs joined to said bottom of said receptacle;

a slider mounted on said first string zipper for opening and closing said first string zipper; and

a flap extending downward from said bottom of said receptacle, said flap comprising a discontinuity and a line of weakened tear resistance that traverses an area disposed between said second string zipper and said discontinuity,

wherein said second string zipper has no slider mounted thereon.

Claim 28 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 27, wherein said flap further comprises a second discontinuity spaced apart from said discontinuity on the same side of said line of weakened tear resistance.

Claim 29 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 27, wherein said receptacle comprises first and second walls, and said flap is integrally formed with said first wall.

Claim 30 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 27, wherein said discontinuity comprises a hole.

Claim 31 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 27, wherein said discontinuity comprises a slit.

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Claim 32 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 27, wherein said line of weakened tear resistance comprises a series of spaced perforations.

Claim 33 (Original): The bag as recited in claim 27, wherein said line of weakened tear resistance comprises a scoreline.

Claims 34-41 (Canceled).

Claim 42 (New): The bag as recited in claim 27, wherein said flap is the only portion of said bag that extends downward beyond said second string zipper.